

# **SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT FACT SHEET**

## **Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Bureau of Substance Abuse Services**

*This fact sheet contains information about the impact of alcohol and other drug use in the Eighth Worcester Representative District. Admission data were reported to the Bureau of Substance Abuse Services (BSAS) Substance Abuse Management Information System in FY 2003.*

### **Residents of Eighth Worcester Representative District**

#### **Characteristics of Admissions**

In FY 2003, there were 115,896 admissions to licensed substance abuse treatment services in all of Massachusetts; less than one percent (717) of these admissions reside in the Eighth Worcester Representative District. 4% (26) of admissions from the Eighth Worcester Representative District were under 17 years of age. **Please note that these statistics represent only individual admissions, and represent a figure lower than the actual number of constituents in need of treatment services.** In FY 2003, admissions to all residential and outpatient substance abuse treatment services from the Eighth Worcester Representative District reported the following characteristics:

- 73% were male and 27% were female.
- 58% were between the ages of 21-39.
- 90% were white non-Latino, 2% were black non-Latino, 6% were Latino, and 3% were other racial categories.
- 65% were never married, 13% were married, and 21% reported not to be married now.
- 29% had less than high school education, 52% completed high school, and 18% had more than high school education.
- 44% were employed.
- 5% were homeless.
- 23% had prior mental health treatment.

#### **Primary Substance of Use**

At admission clients also identify a “primary drug” of use that is the substance for which the client is seeking treatment. Table 1 compares the proportional distribution of primary drugs in Massachusetts with that for the Eighth Worcester Representative District.

<b>Table 1</b>					
<b>Primary Drug by District and State FY 2003</b>					
	Alcohol	Heroin	Marijuana	Cocaine	Crack
District	52%	30%	14%	1%	2%
State	43%	38%	6%	4%	4%

#### **Substances Used in Past Year**

Upon entering treatment, each client is asked to report ALL substances used in the past year (12 months) prior to admission. Admissions frequently report using more than one substance within the year. The use of more than one psychoactive substance, such as alcohol and marijuana, is referred to as ‘polydrug’ or ‘polysubstance’ use.

Table 2 shows ALL substances which clients reported using in the year prior to admission, as well as the prevalence of injection drug users (or IDU's), individuals who use a needle to ingest cocaine, crack, heroin or another drug to get high.

<b>Table 2</b> <b>Annual Admissions by Substance Used: FY 1995 – FY 2003</b> <b>Eighth Worcester Representative District</b>							
	Total	Alcohol	Marijuana	Cocaine	Crack	Heroin	IDU
<b>FY '95</b>	602	521	185	145	60	114	64
<b>FY '96</b>	629	530	201	152	76	148	90
<b>FY '97</b>	673	571	220	158	84	157	132
<b>FY '98</b>	764	666	298	205	110	208	165
<b>FY '99</b>	817	684	276	192	115	220	174
<b>FY '00</b>	809	663	262	168	116	264	207
<b>FY '01</b>	859	624	272	175	107	303	248
<b>FY '02</b>	799	565	237	152	101	310	218
<b>FY '03</b>	717	538	261	133	78	213	174